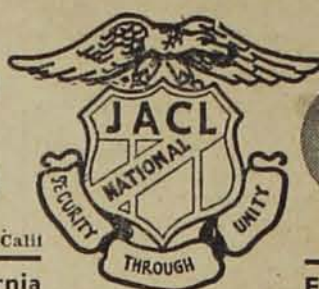


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## EDITORIAL:

## Prop. 13—a good house cleaning

On the California November ballot will be Prop. 13 repealing the Alien Land law.

The 1920 law denied to aliens ineligible to citizenship (primarily the Japanese to restrict farm competition) the privilege of acquiring, possessing, using, cultivating, occupying, transferring, transmitting and inheriting real property within the state of California. Land acquired in violation of the 1920 act would escheat to the state.

In 1946, certain stringent provisions of the 1920 law were placed on the ballot to be validated by the electorate in Proposition 15. The measure was defeated after JACL carried a vigorous campaign pointing out the injustices of the proposal.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled against the state in the Oyama case that halted escheat actions by California. Citizen Fred Oyama was denied equal protection of the law guaranteed to him under the 14th Amendment when the state sought to escheat land purchased for him by his father, an ineligible alien.

In 1952, the California Supreme Court declared the 1920 Act unconstitutional since the law was based on racial discrimination in the Fujii and Masaoka cases. There was no evidence that Japanese aliens would use land for purposes injurious to public welfare.

Then the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act removed the category of aliens "ineligible for citizenship" against whom land laws were directed.

So, the 1920 law is obsolete. A "yes on Prop. 13" would eliminate this useless remnant of California law.

Although four months remain to the day until general election day, it is not early to firmly impress Californians that it is "Yes of Proposition 13."

AMERICAN LEGION  
IN SUPPORT OF  
PROPOSITION 13

FRESNO. — Among 100 resolutions adopted by the 38th annual state convention of the American Legion, which met here last weekend, was support for Proposition 13 on the November state ballot abolishing the "obsolete" Alien Land law.

The convention is also on record supporting the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act and opposing proposed amendments.

The resolution, unanimously approved by the convention, pointed out even though the 1920 law remains in the state constitution, "it is inoperative, obsolete and unconstitutional". It also declared the "best way to advance the brotherhood of man and eliminate any discrimination is by keeping any suggestion of discrimination out of the minds of the youth of our country".

Since the resolution was written after the convention started, paper work was done at the office of Mike Iwatsubo and discussed in detail by originators of the resolution, Carl Lindstrom of Culver City and Rollins MacFadyen of Los Angeles, with Jin Ishikawa and Bob Yabuno, Central California JACLers.

It was then presented to the convention committee by Lindstrom as a point of personal privilege. Continued on Page 3

Att'y Gen. Brown  
favors Prop. 13

SAN FRANCISCO. — Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of California is on record in favor of Prop. 13 for repeal of the 1920 Alien Initiative Property Act on the November ballot.

In a letter to Masao Satow, National JACL Director, Brown stated:

"In my capacity as Attorney General, I have heretofore assisted in the legal determination that the act was unconstitutional and I am now happy to lend my name to its official burial."

Jack Noda, chairman of the Alien Land Law Committee, said that proponent argument for inclusion in the voter's manual had been filed with the California Secretary of State by the June 29 deadline.

He also revealed that a fact sheet regarding the alien land law has been sent out to all the California JACL chapters.

The fact sheet was prepared by a special committee headed by Frank Chuman.

Book on first Japanese  
in U.S. to be published

BOSTON. — "Manjiro, the Man Who Discovered America", by Hisakazu Kaneko, is due for publication July 18 by Houghton Mifflin Co. It concerns Manjiro Nakahama (also called John Mung) who was rescued by American whalers in the mid-Pacific in 1841, decided to live and attend school in the United States before returning home. He also served as interpreter when Commodore Perry landed in Japan in 1854.

Neighbors, press sympathize with  
L.A. Issei couple ordered to leave

Elaine Harada, who was graduated from Univ. of Hawaii last year, is San Francisco JACL's hope for Miss National JACL of 1956. The 5 ft.-4 in. bookkeeper has hobbies of swimming, reading and dancing.

—Henry Omi Photo.

NISEI VETERANS MARCH  
IN SEATTLE '4TH' PARADE

SEATTLE. — Nisei veterans here marched again in the Fourth of July parade here this week, led by parade grand marshal Gen. Mark W. Clark.

Gen. Clark, now president at The Citadel, commanded the Fifth Army in Italy during World War II to which the 442nd RCT was attached.

Only previous appearance of Nisei veterans in the civic parade was in 1949.

UNESCO specialist  
on world tour

HONOLULU. — Dr. Hiroshi Daifuku, anthropologist employed by UNESCO as a program specialist, is spending a short visit with parents here before continuing his world tour.

A specialist in the museums and monuments division in the Dept. of Cultural Affairs in UNESCO, he was the first anthropologist appointed in January, 1954, after receiving his doctorate at Harvard in 1951.

His father, Dr. Kuniyasu Daifuku, was the first Issei in Hawaii to be naturalized as citizen under the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act. Elder Daifuku is chairman of the board of election inspectors and president of the board of chiropractic examiners.

The younger Daifuku and family are scheduled to leave July 8 for Madison, Wis., where his wife plans to study this summer.

NISEI FIREMAN HURT  
FALLING OFF TRUCK

STOCKTON. — Tod Takahashi, 28, was treated for slight injuries when he fell off a fire truck enroute to a minor fire June 26.

A middle-aged Japanese couple who entered the United States by walking across the Mexican border in 1929 and then lied about it face deportation to Japan.

The United States Court of Appeals in Washington upheld their deportation order June 28 and apparently there was nothing more they could do to stay in the country.

The husband and wife are Hiroichi Hamasaki, 57-year-old self-employed gardener, and Tsugino Hamasaki, 47.

They are the parents of five California-born children ranging in age from 11 to 25 years.

The children all are American citizens and are not involved in the deportation order.

One of the couple's four daughters, Eiko Hamasaki, 22, said after hearing of the appeals court ruling:

"They don't want to leave here. Who would want to go any place else? They would starve in Japan. They have no one there."

Hamasaki, who had been in this country before, returned to Japan and married Tsugino. The husband and wife, without visas, entered the United States in April, 1929, by walking across the Mexican border.

Deportation proceedings were started in May, 1945. When the hearings were resumed more than four years later, the couple admitted giving false testimony at the first hearing by saying they had entered the United States before they did. Both said they were afraid of being deported to Japan during the war as enemy aliens.

An immigration service hearing officer found they had not been persons of "good moral character" because of the false testimony and were subject to deportation on the grounds they were ineligible for citizenship and not entitled to enter this country. The officer ruled they were ineligible for suspension of deportation.

The Board of Immigration Appeals said the couple did not disclose the true facts regarding their entry until nearly four years after a 1948 law made native of Japan eligible for suspension of deportation.

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With metropolitan Los Angeles newspapers front paging the Hamasaki deportation case (see next column and Henry Mori's Los Angeles Newsletter on page 7) early this week, his neighbors and friends rallied to the support of Issei couple.

Rep. Gordon McDonough (R., 15th Dist., Calif.) expressed his interest, sympathy and support to halt deportation of the Hamasaki couple in a telephone conversation with Attorney Frank Chuman, representing the couple ordered deported to Japan.

Rep. McDonough was besieged with telephone calls, telegrams, letters and personal requests of Southland Republican leaders to take interest in Hamasaki, who resides in the 15th District at 1661½ S. Arlington Ave.

The congressman informed Chuman that he discussed with Immigration Commissioner Gen. Swing the hardship confronting the Hamasakis. Gen. Swing has ordered the complete Hamasaki file be submitted to him for review and ultimate decision.

The Los Angeles City Council, through action by Don Allen, also proposed and passed a resolution Monday by the city directing Congressman McDonough to exert his good offices for the Hamasakis.

On Tuesday, the federal government postponed deportation action by informing the Los Angeles immigration office not to issue orders against the Hamasakis couple.

NISEI SCOUTS CAPTURE  
CALIF. DRUM-BUGLE TITLE

FRESNO. — Troop 379 drum & bugle corps, sponsored by Commodore Perry Post, captured the junior division title in the California American Legion convention last week.

The Nisei scouts defeated Monterey Park's girl corps and the Chung Wahs of San Francisco to win the state title at Ratcliffe Stadium.

The Koyasan corps will represent California in national competition at the forthcoming national American Legion convention at Los Angeles in early September.

Nisei teacher turned down in bid for home  
in Centerville, No. Calif. papers disclose

SAN JOSE.—The housing discrimination case against a Nisei veteran and his family reported in a letter to the San Francisco Chronicle June 26 did not take place in San Jose, but in Centerville, according to Frank Freeman in his daily column the following day in San Jose Mercury.

The "local high school" mentioned by Kent Vickery, writer of the letter, was not in San Jose but is Washington Union High in Centerville.

Freeman also reported that the letter was based on the initial effort to buy, which resulted in a turnaround.

Vickery wrote the Chronicle the Nisei "has just completed his college studies and is going to teach in a local high school this fall."

"In high school he will teach to all students — white, colored and Oriental—the fundamental American precepts of democracy, that every American, no matter what his race or creed, has equal opportunity in every sense of the word."

"Yet, this young teacher has been denied the opportunity to buy a house in this community because he is a member of a minority race."

"How can we Americans explain this? Is this so-called 'equality for all Americans' or is it for only a few?"

Vickery concluded his letter as follows:

"Truthfully, how can he teach these high school students about democracy when he and his family are deprived of their inalienable rights as American citizens?"



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### FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## About Oregonians

Portland, Ore.

■ This is the city where, 18 years ago this summer, I was bound by the ties of matrimony to wife and helpmate. That was a long time ago. Most of the people who were good enough to come to the claspboard church to witness the ceremony are no longer here. Many have died. The evacuation scattered many of the others over the country and a goodly number never bothered to come back. Even the church is no more. The building was sold a few years ago and the money used as a down payment on a larger, far more suitable Japanese M.E. church in another part of town.

I got this last bit of information from one of the few people I know here now. His name is Pop Yoshizawa and he isn't my pop at all. He's my brother's father-in-law but he's one of my favorite people. During a brief business visit to Portland I found time to drop in on Pop and Mama Yoshizawa out in the suburb of Milwaukie where, except for the evacuation years, they've lived for more than 30 years.

When Pop first bought the land, a little less than an acre, it was a long way out in the country. Fir and pine trees grew thickly on it. A railroad ran past it. Mama remembers asking a neighbor if the trains bothered her.

"No," she said, "you never notice them."

It took quite a while for the Yoshizawas to realize the truth of this statement because the trains thundered by all hours of the day and night. At night, they made noises like they were meaning to run right over the little house that the Yoshizawas built. But after a while, a long while, it got so the Yoshizawas scarcely heard the train at all. Then one day there was a railroad strike, and the trains didn't run. The silence was deafening.

Each day the Yoshizawas waited to hear the familiar and reassuring sound of the trains pounding down the mainline. But there was only a lonesome silence. Eventually the strike ended. The locomotives were fired up, and the first train came chuffing down the rails. There was rejoicing in Pop and Mom's home. The trains had come back.

### EX-CHAPTER PRESIDENT NAKATA

■ Someone else who came back is Dr. Mits Nakata and his family. Mits forgot about dentistry and went to work during the big war as a teacher at the navy's Japanese language school in Boulder, Colo. But as soon as the shooting ended, the Nakatas went home to Portland.

A couple of years ago, just as Mit's practice was coming along nicely, Uncle Sam sent him a greetings with the choice of signing up as a private or applying for a commission. Mits figured an officer's uniform would be more becoming than a yardbird's fatigues. Presently he got the papers which acknowledged that Major Mits Nakata, United States Air Force, was an officer and gentleman. Mits was all ready to go off to service, pulling and filling teeth as usual, but about that time the military lost interest in him. Mits is still a civilian, with a reserve commission, ready to go into uniform but hoping they won't bother to call him up.

### M.D. DEGREE THE HARD WAY

■ I flew into Portland on a cool, misty night just about the time Bob Iwata was getting his diploma from the University of Oregon medical school. Now, this in itself doesn't make much of a story except that Bob got his M.D. degree under some astonishing hardships. Just about the time Bob was ready to get out of high school, his lungs picked up some bugs and he went flat on his back for what seemed an eternity. What he saw at the sanatorium only whetted Bob's determination to become a doctor. So, when he was released, he got himself a job and started the long, hard, academic struggle. Bob's no spring chicken any more. He's starting his internship this summer at an age when most doctors are thinking about a second car to go with the Cad, but he's reached his goal. We're happy to congratulate him.

### VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## Deportation uproar

● Influence of the Fourth Estate in arousing wide sympathy for an Issei couple about to be deported to Japan can be keenly appreciated in light of events that have happened in the past week. . . . A struggle of 10 long years by Hiroichi Hamasaki and his wife, who had entered this country without permission through Mexico, has come to somewhat happy note inside of one week. . . . Last week Thursday, the Associated Press out of Washington reported deportation orders against the Issei couple were upheld in the federal appellate court. The local press was quick to feature the story. The Mirror-News editorially felt laws should not harass good people in spite of technicalities. Examiner's new city columnist Vincent X. Flaherty devoted an entire column taking up the plea of the Hamasakis. . . . Television reporters sought Hamasaki's side of the story. Neighbors came to his support by calling and wiring Congressman McDonough to exert his good offices. The city council also took action, sympathizing with Hamasaki's efforts to keep his family together during the war years and resettlement period. . . . Frank Chuman, who has been their counsel since February, 1946, last Tuesday was informed

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## Validity of radar speed chart as evidence in traffic case studied by Stockton judge

STOCKTON. — Use of radar evidence in traffic cases were upheld this week by Municipal Judge John B. McNoble.

The precedent for the local courts was established when Judge McNoble found Dr. James J. Tanaka, 35-year-old dentist of 2552 W. Euclid, guilty of speeding after a "friendly" trial, conducted primarily to test the validity of radar speed charts as evidence.

The \$10 fine was taken from the cash bail Dr. Tanaka posted on the ticket. The dentist was cited June 8 at Jefferson and San Joaquin streets after a radar unit showed the doctor's car was traveling 38 miles an hour at a 15-mile-an-hour blind intersection.

Judge McNoble ruled that radar

evidence, accompanied by the testimony of an expert as to the accuracy of the radar unit, will support a conviction.

"The prime benefit from the use of radar," the judge commented, "is not in the arrest of any single traffic violator, but in the reduction of the unsafe speed of motor vehicles achieved through the display of signs warning that speed is checked by radar."

## Strandee retains U.S. citizenship

Yoshiro Soga of San Francisco did not lose his U.S. citizenship when he was drafted in the Japanese Army during World War II, Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter ruled this past week.

Taken to Japan by his mother in 1932, he was attending university when war came. Upon graduation during the war, he was inducted into Army and being a university graduate he was required to apply as an officer candidate.

Judge Carter held:

"To say that Soga could have safely and successfully maintained his American citizenship while in Japan during wartime, and refused to serve under the Japanese conscription laws is to ignore reality. The known activities of the Kempi Tai (secret police), which Soga rightly feared, is a short answer to those who would infer a voluntary act from failure to object to induction during time of war."

Soga was represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, who held service was under duress and coercion. Ass't U.S. Attorney Charles E. Collett represented the government.

## Issei-Nisei win awards at Alameda County fair

PLEASANTON. — Issei and Nisei vegetable and flower growers have won several of the awards at the Alameda County Fair in the horticulture and agriculture sections.

First prize winners in agriculture were Kato Bros. of Warm Springs, Kaz Shikano of Fremont, all active So. Alameda County JACLers.

Kaz Shikano also took second and third place ribbons while Kato Bros., the Shikano family of Centerville and M. Kitani of San Lorenzo took seconds.

Third place winners also include Chuck Shikano and M. Kitani.

Kawabata Nursery of Hayward took second in best exhibit design of the professional floriculture section. The nursery also took first and second awards for flowers displayed.

## Salinas Valley chapter to sponsor July 21 hop

SALINAS. — Salinas Valley JACL will sponsor a Rodeo dance July 21, 10 p.m., at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 1175 S. Main St., following the Colmo del Rodeo parade.

Harvey Kitamura and Tom Miyana were named co-chairmen of the chapter's outstanding summer social by James Tanda, chapter president. A sports affair and open to the public, host chapter members will be attired in western duds.

## N.Y. interracial housing project invites Nisei

NEW YORK. — A pioneering interracial city housing project—Forest Houses located in the Bronx—is now accepting applications for 693 low-rent apartments in Section II, where the maximum annual income limit ranges between \$4,176 and \$5,964.

When applications were first being taken, an unexpected number of Nisei families had applied and were held ineligible because of their income.

Margaret E. Killeen, who met many of the original Nisei applicants, feels they may now qualify. New limits are:

Family of 4 or more dependents or any size family of a Korean veteran, 2 persons in family \$4,872; 3, 4, 5, or 6 persons in family \$5,460; 7 or more persons in family \$5,964.

All other families: 2 in family \$4,176; 3, 4, 5, or 6 in family \$4,680; 7 or more \$5,112.

Rents for these apartments will be in proportion to the family income: 3½ rooms will vary from \$33 to \$58; 4½ and 5½ rooms will vary from \$36 to \$65.

The project is situated in the Tinton and Trinity, 163rd and 166th St. area.

## Form fund in memory of Ann Koga Mortimer

HONOLULU. — A non-profit corporation has been chartered to establish and maintain a fund for charitable and educational projects.

The organization, the Ann Koga Mortimer Memorial, honors the memory of the late Mrs. Lee Mortimer, a Big Island Nisei who married the New York newspaper columnist, Robert K. Fukuda, a deputy territorial attorney general, is president.

## Ex-CRDU legal counsel

SAN FRANCISCO. — James C. Purcell, who was legal counsel to the Civil Rights Defense Union (CRDU — forerunner of JACL-ADC), has been appointed to the post of counsel for the local sheriff.

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**VAGARIES:** by Larry S. Tajiri



## More Nippon filmfare

Denver

■ We spent a day of our recent West Coast vacation in Hollywood and the news is that something of a cycle of Japanese films is in the making among the movie industry's major producers. Whatever the reason—the success of Japanese-made features like *Rashomon* and *Gate of Hell* which have made American audiences familiar with Nipponese backgrounds, or the availability of the many books and stories spawned by the Occupation—at least seven productions are in preparation with Japanese settings and several other such films are still in the talking stage.

This news would be hearty for Hollywood's colony of Japanese American bit players and extras, except that most of these proposed productions will be filmed in Japan. However, circumstances such as that which befell MGM's *Teahouse of the August Moon* may provide employment for Nisei and Issei in some of these pictures. MGM had built a complete Okinawan village on a location near Nara, Japan and had started shooting when five solid weeks of drenching rain set in during a period which usually has little precipitation. With the rainy season of June still ahead, Metro decided to fly the whole troupe, including Machiko Kyo and a dozen Japanese players, back to Culver City. The afternoon we visited MGM, there was feverish activity as preparations were being made to construct the Teahouse of the August Moon, complete with a Japanese garden, on Sound Stage 30. Meanwhile, outside the casting office was a line of some 30 Nisei and Issei, all awaiting interviews as extras in the film.

One of the sequences which was interrupted by rain was one in which an angry swarm of Okinawan women chase Marlon Brando (Sakini) and Glenn Ford (Capt. Fisby) through the streets of Tobiki village. The start of the chase scene was started on location near Nara, and was finished the other day in Culver City. The women are angered because a geisha girl, Lotus Blossom, gets preferential treatment in the rice ration line. Led by Higa Jiga, president of the Ladies League for Democratic Action, (played by Nijiko Kiyokawa), the women protest. The sequences started in Japan and finished in California, were integrated by bringing Miss Kiyokawa to the United States and getting Issei and Nisei doubles for the other women. Those who have seen the rushes say the audience won't be able to tell the difference.

*Teahouse*, one of the biggest projects of the year for MGM, is scheduled to be released about December, in time to qualify for the Academy Awards next March.

### 'BUTTERFLY JOE' AND 'SAYONARA'

■ This month Universal-International is starting a picture in Japan called *Butterfly Joe*, in which Burgess Meredith will play a Sakini-type Japanese. It is perhaps no coincidence that Meredith has spent the better part of the past two years acting the Sakini role in the first road company of *Teahouse*. Also in *Butterfly Joe* will be Keenan Wynn, John Agar and George Nader. U-I will recruit the rest of the cast in Japan.

Having obtained the movie rights to James Michener's interracial love story, *Sayonara*, after a lengthy legal hassle, Producer William Goetz will fly to Japan with Director Joshua Logan in a few weeks to explore location sites in Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto. Much of the picture is expected to be shot at Takarazuka, between Osaka and Kobe, since the romance involves a Takarazuka dancing star and an American jet pilot. *Sayonara*, serialized in *McCall's* and a Book-of-the-Month club selection, has a Madame Butterfly theme with a reverse twist. Instead of the American lover forsaking the Japanese girl, it is Hana-ogi who sends Major Gruver packing and puts an end to their ill-starred romance.

Director Logan also had a Broadway production planned of *Sayonara*, for which Irving Berlin had written much of the music. Chances are that the material will be incorporated into the film which will be released by Warners. Takarazuka's dancing troupes may appear in the production. Incidentally, there's talk the Takarazuka dancers, who last came to the United States 16 years ago to appear at the World's Fair in New York, may tour the U.S. again soon. Ed Sullivan already has booked them for his TV show, if and when the troupe arrives.

### OTHER PROSPECTS ON PLANNING STAGE

■ Twentieth Century has at least two pictures in prospect with Japanese background. The first is the love story of Townsend Harris, the first American diplomat to Japan, and a Japanese girl, in which Marlon Brando may star, and the other is J.P. Marquand's new novel, *Stopover Japan*, for which 20th has paid \$70,000. In all likelihood most, if not all, of the sequences for both pictures will be filmed in Japan.

Kenneth McEldowney, who produced the beautiful, evocative *The River* in India several years ago, has reactivated his Oriental International Films and is starting on a semi-documentary called *The Pearl King*, from the biography of Mikimoto, the man who started Japan's cultured pearl industry, by Robert Euston of Tokyo's AP bureau.

*Escapade in Japan* is an RKO project for next spring. An original story by Winston Miller, it concerns the kidnapping of two youngsters and will be made in and around Tokyo.

Meanwhile, the Nisei-backed independent company, Nacirema ('American' spelled backward), also has a Japanese picture in mind. It's a story by Chester Smith called *Joe-San the Great* and is about a ballplayer from the U.S. who joins the Tokyo Giants. *Variety* recently noted the Nacirema had a backing of some \$3 million, but the actual figures are far more modest. The company spent some \$100,000 on *Sierra Stranger*, which stars Howard Duff, and will be out soon, and a similar amount on *Hot Rod Girl*. Dave Yokozeki is executive producer of the company, and financial support comes from California Nisei businessmen.

### SOON TO BE RELEASED

■ Members of Hollywood's Japanese colony appear in two current pictures, the yet-to-be-released *Around the World in 80 Days*, which is screened in the Todd-A-O process, and

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## Japanese church groups not quite ready for integration into general conferences

SAN FRANCISCO. — A 1964 deadline for integration with Caucasian conferences of the Methodist Church was set by the Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference, which ended its annual session here last week.

Delegates from 30 churches of six Western states agreed that integration should come sooner if conditions are favorable.

A separate Japanese conference was designed because of convenience and not of segregation, Bishop Donald Tippet of the San Francisco area pointed out.

Ordained as minister were J. Emory Fleming of Los Angeles, who served with the armed forces in Japan, and Tom Nakagawa of Ontario, Ore., a 442nd RCT veteran.

Sacramento architect George Muraki was named Nisei lay conference leader, succeeding Eddie Shimomura, Seattle pharmacist. The session helped the host church, Pine Methodist, to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

### Parent's Magazine selects Japanese film for July

NEW YORK. — A new Japanese film in Eastman color is the first foreign language picture to be awarded the Parents' Magazine Medal.

'Phantom Horse', which will have its local premiere this summer, is the magazine's July Movie-of-the-Month for family audiences.

Starring Yukohiko Iwatare, recently discovered juvenile star, 'Phantom Horse' dramatizes the career of a race horse and his boy companion.

It was photographed largely on

TORONTO. — Definite need for continuing Issei and Nisei congregations in the United Church of Canada was emphasized at the four-day conference of Japanese ministers here last week.

After World War II, the body had adopted a policy for gradual integration of its members into any and all United church congregations, but experience over the past ten years called for reconsideration and declaring abolishing Japanese congregations was out of the question.

A resolution urging reversal of the Japanese dispersal idea will be submitted to the UCC board of home missions.

### Nisei couple planning medical missionary work

HANFORD. — A newly-wed couple, Richard Matsuura and his wife, the former Dr. Sachie Ruth Hase, are planning to do medical missionary work in Brazil.

Matsuura, Hawaiian-born graduate student at the Univ. of Minnesota seeking his doctorate in plant genetics, will also do graduate work in theology before departing.

Mrs. Matsuura, who completed her internship at Univ. of Minnesota Hospital, will continue her studies in pediatrics. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Univ. of California, and youngest daughter of the Mrs. Goichi Hase of Hanford.

The couple were married June 24 at the Harlow Memorial Presbyterian Church here.

Hokkaido, Koji Shima, who made 'Golden Demon', was the director.

## Nisei Buddhist leaders create \$100 pledge group to promote religion in America

On the Sunday (May 27) the Associated Press religious writer George W. Cornell wrote on Buddhism's growth in America and marking the 2,500th anniversary of Buddhism, Nisei leaders of the Buddhist Churches of America met at the Los Angeles Betsuin to create interest in the \$100 Pledge Fund movement.

The committee decided to change its name of BCA Century Club to the Buddhist Churches of America Special Project fund to avoid misunderstanding as to the nature of the project.

The basic amount of \$100 per pledge per calendar year was stipulated but "any amount which represents the maximum expression of any individual will be greatly appreciated", Noboru Hanyu of San Francisco, committee treasurer, explained.

Purposes of the fund, outlined in the by-laws, are threefold: (1) to instill a sense of individual responsibility of a Buddhist to his church,

(2) to provide means of positive expression and participation in church programs; and (3) to promote education of Buddhism in America.

At the present time, there are 54 pledges with a sum of \$4,150 in the books, according to Hanyu. Among the first disbursement approved was the allocation of \$300 to the Buddhist Study Center's library in Berkeley.

Soliciting of funds on a national basis was also mapped out with district committeemen in charge as follows: Northern California—Hitoshi Ouchida, Ben Sato; Bay District—Noboru Hanyu, Bill Nosaka; Coast District—Hideo Ito, James Abe, Fred Nitta; Central California—Johnson Kebo, Tokio Nomura, Dr. Kikuo Taira, Tokuo Yamamoto; Southern District—Carl Sato, Dr. Ryo Munekata, Hiroshi Naramura; Northwest—H. S. Kawabe, Mr. Nishimura; Intermountain—Edward K. Fujimoto; Tri-State and Eastern—to be appointed.



Father Bryce Nishimura, fourth Maryknoll-in-Los Angeles Nisei to be ordained a Catholic priest, administers Holy Communion to his parents and family during his first Solemn High Mass celebrated last Sunday at Maryknoll Chapel. Assisting are (left to right) Fr. Robert Menard, Fr. Hugh Lavery, and Rev. M. Richard Bell. Fr. Nishimura has been assigned to Maryknoll missions in Japan. (Toyo Miyatake Photo for Rafu Shimpo.)

## LAS VEGAS NISEI NOW QUALIFIED AS HOME BUYER

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The weary battle to obtain a loan to purchase a home of his choice has ended for Jerry Ushijima, 30, 442nd RCT veteran with a family of two children.

It came from the Palomar Mortgage Co., San Diego, which informed him through Rollins MacFadyen, chairman of the 17th District American Legion housing committee, that Ushijima's "reputation and paying habits to be excellent. He represents the type of person we prefer to accommodate."

MacFadyen in Los Angeles also added that considerable weight of the Japanese American Citizens League was instrumental in hastening an early decision from the loan company.

Ushijima had applied several times for loans but had been ignored. He sought a \$16,500 home on the Twin Lakes tract. As manager of the produce section at Modern Market here, he is well-salaried and has an excellent credit rating.

The incident of housing discrimination, the first to be reported by a Nisei in southern Nevada, was brought to the attention of the So. Calif. JACL regional office and Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion in Los Angeles.

## Prop. 13—

Continued from Front Page since he was a member of the committee, an action rarely taken, according to Soichi Fukui, Los Angeles Perry Post delegate.

When debate on the resolution was opened, Lindstrom pointed out the record of Nisei veterans in addition to points in the resolution and successfully passed the resolution in committee.

The resolution was written by Baldo Kristovich, vice-commander of the Fourth (Los Angeles) Area, and MacFadyen.

MacFadyen also formed a veterans committee for Proposition 13 including past national commanders Warren H. Atherton (Stockton), Lewis K. Gough (Pasadena) and past department commanders William A. White (San Francisco), Rex F. Whittemore (Bakersfield).

### ROTC award winner

FRESNO. — Cadet Theodore T. N. Slocum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum of 348 Echo Ave., won academic achievement and professor of military science awards at Stanford University, where he is enrolled in the army reserve officers' training corps.

### DAV chapter leader

Toru Hirano, 442nd RCT officer, was installed as commander of Nisei-DAV Chapter 100 commander June 21.

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## NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



## IDC chapter programs

San Francisco

■ Attending the Intermountain District Council meeting at Idaho Falls gave us another chance to catch up on the variety of activities being carried on by our chapters.

The Snake River Valley Chapter recently joined with Boise Valley to put on an hour's program on Japanese culture over KBOI-TV. Included were demonstrations of Japanese cooking by Mrs. Massie Saito, our IDC Secretary, and Mrs. Masako Sugai, wife of IDC Chairman George. Dr. Ken Yaguchi, Snake River president, reported that the chapter float had won first place in the organization division of the local Blossom Festival. IDC Treasurer Henry Suyehira told of his Boise Valley Chapter sponsoring a team of Sansei in the baseball Little League. No doubt other chapters would like to find out from the Mt. Olympus Chapter how it manages to draw a turnout of one half of its 180 members to general meetings. The Idaho Falls Chapter sponsored chapter ex-prexy Joe Nishikawa to the runner-up spot as Idaho farmer of the year.

The 1957 Intermountain DC Convention will be hosted by Idaho Falls. It was here in 1947 that the National One Thousand Club was born at a special meeting of the National Board. Thus, this IDC convention will celebrate the Thousand Club's 10th anniversary.

## YE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF 1000 CLUB

■ And speaking of the 1000 Club, National Chairman Shig Wakamatsu points out that all current 1000 Clubbers will be listed in the National Convention souvenir booklet, but because of printing schedule only those joining or renewing prior to July 31 will be listed.

The Convention 1000 Club affair promises to be a real whing-ding, judging by the work being done by Frank Oda in charge of arrangements. Some 300 members and their friends are expected for the festivities at the beautiful Surf Club by the sea. The dinner tickets for five bucks includes admission to the dance following. In lieu of 1000 Club ribbons, Thousanders will sport miniature knight key chains to designate their super support.

## CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

■ Package deal pre-registrations are beginning to roll in for the chapter official delegates. Chapters are urged to name official delegates as soon as possible so that the basic preparatory material for the National Council sessions can be sent them.

We are becoming more and more involved in the many details of convention preparation, but nothing near what might have been had the San Francisco Chapter not come to the rescue of National Headquarters.

The other evening we had a preview of a bit of the Opening Ceremonies when we slipped into a meeting of the Annual Conference of Pacific Coast Methodist Missions to hear the Oakland Methodist Church choir give a half hour recital under the direction of Frank Oro. This year we are asking the 40 voice OME choir instead of a massed choir. The 1952 convention goes will remember the impressive opening with the massed choir adding color and atmosphere as one of the highlights of the entire convention. The rendition of the JACL Hymn was especially memorable, reflecting the ability of Director Frank Ono who rewrote the music in eight parts.

## PRE-CONVENTION RALLIES

■ Since the San Mateo Chapter meeting last month was in the nature of a convention rally, Convention Chairman Jerry Enomoto and DC Chairman Yas Abiko accompanied us, and we were encouraged by the warm enthusiasm as Jerry and Yas described what was in store. Installed as the new officers of the Chapter were Saiki Yamaguchi, president; VP Hiroshi Honda, secretary Nori Yui, Henry Kimura as treasurer, and retiring president William Takahashi to handle publicity. We remember Saiki in prewar days as a basketball flash for the S.F. "Y" Greyhounds when the North was perennially beating the South.

An entertaining skit covering the entire convention program during the banquet hour will feature the next Northern California-Western Nevada DC meeting on July 22 along with the crowning of the National Convention Queen. Our sincere thanks to the swell gals who are adding interest and glamor to the convention by participating in the queen contest. They are all real sports, and any one of them would do our convention proud as Miss National JACL. This NC-WN meeting is being enthusiastically handled by the Sequoia Chapter.

The PSWDC convention rally comes a week later on July 29. With the Southwest Los Angeles Chapter making the arrangements, what more need be said?

## PROPOSITION 13

■ The deadline for filing the affirmative argument for the Alien Land Law proposition last week had us scurrying around, keeping in touch with Tats Kushida, Tats conferring with Assemblyman Edward Elliott, we conferring with Assemblyman Thomas Maloney up here, and finally a hurry up trip to Sacramento to deliver the document to Assistant Secretary of State Charles Hagerty's office with only a few minutes to spare to deadline. Chairman Jack Noda has called another meeting of the Alien Land Law Committee for the afternoon of July 28 in Los Angeles.

We have just received a wire from Roy Ashizawa of the local Townsend Harris Legion Post notifying of action taken at the American Legion, Department of California Convention in Fresno supporting Proposition 13.

## TO NORTHERN CAL'S EGG BASKET

■ Sonoma County had a nice bon voyage dinner for JACLers Mr. & Mrs. Malcomb Melville who are making a three months tour of Japan as guests of the Rural Rehabilitation Society of Japan. Their sympathetic reception and warm welcome to the visiting Japanese farmers brought about the invitation, and Chapter President Ed Onki tells us that their support and friendliness to the local JACLers has been just as cordial and enthusiastic. Mr. Melville is an expert in the field of poultry

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## CHANGING PERSPECTIVES:

## Convention Call

San Francisco

The 14th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League set to convene in San Francisco Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, promises to be as significant in the eventful history of persons of Japanese ancestry in America as any of our past national gatherings.

Delegates from 88 chapters of our organization, representing the cream of our Japanese American community leadership throughout the nation, will seek to chart JACL's future course during these troubled times in the midst of yet unresolved problems of younger Nisei, new to JACL, together with the newly naturalized citizens who have joined our ranks as active members, will meet with "old standbys" in four days of stimulating fellowship and serious deliberations—deliberations which will touch the lives of all persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

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All the implications pointing to a fuller and more expansive JACL program are inherent in the situation as we meet to consider our Convention theme—*Changing Perspectives*: new members with fresh and varied points of view, the enthusiasm and dreams of youth, the sober responsibilities and judgments of maturity, the successes of the past and the need for planning for the future, the wider integration and acceptance of our group in all spheres of activity, and the greater challenge of bringing our human relationships in step with technological advances and world events.

Almost complete success in an intensified program of legislation, public relations, and education, toward improving the status of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, especially during the past decade, has demonstrated the necessity of a national organization such as the JACL. But there are some in view of such achievements who fear that JACL may have worked itself out of a job, and that its continued existence may require "artificial respiration".

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Cognizant of these facts the Convention Board was deeply concerned with the meaning and intent of the convention theme in relation to the future policies and activities of the JACL. In real measure, the Board probed deeply to find a theme which might serve as a realistic guide for the deliberations of the assembled delegates.

The recent years have seen many gains for the Nisei and our Issei parents. And with each advance in our struggle for equal consideration, the need for a rigid self-examination of our program against our original goals becomes more pressing. *Changing Perspectives* can help us see anew all the possibilities contained in our objectives, objectives which may sometimes seem vague as we endeavor to maintain our local chapter activities as necessary and valuable ingredients of our daily living. This theme is a timely challenge as we stand united at our new and higher level of citizenship and contemplate our organization's course for the next biennium.

Thus, in keeping with our national motto, *For Better Americans in a Greater America*, we come together to explore *Changing Perspectives*, girded by the experiences of our past, sobered by the realities of today, and stimulated by a vision of tomorrow's aspirations.

—JACL National Convention Board



One of these four candidates will be selected as Miss Stockton JACL at its July 14 Coronation dinner-dance at the Clark Hotel Empire Room. They are (left to right) top row—Miki Matsumura, 23, 5 ft. 2½ in., 110 lbs., secretary; Susan Shiba, 22, 5 ft. 3 in., 115 lbs., beautician; bottom row—Gloria Tominaga, 20, 5 ft. 2 in., 110 lbs., bank teller; and Rose Futamachi, 23, 5 ft. 1 in., 105 lbs., dental assistant. Tickets for both dinner & dance are on sale at \$3 per person from chapter officers as well as Nisei Barber, Cherry Blossom, Inamasu Jeweler, Okamoto Service, Dobana and Yoshikawa Studio.

—Yoshikawa Photo Studio.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — For the second half of June, 1956, National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 22 memberships and renewals in the 1000 Club.

## SEVENTH YEAR

San Diego—Joe Owashi

## THIRD YEAR

New York—Mrs. Masa Enochy, Tatsukichi Enochy, Tomio Enochy, Venice-Culver—Eddie Imazu, Noboru Kato  
Chicago—Ruth F. Nakaya, Mrs. Sue Omori  
Gardena Valley—Frank Shimohara  
Southwest L.A.—Frank M. Suzukida  
Philadelphia — Isamu Ueyehara (San Fernando, Calif.)

## SECOND YEAR

Chicago—Charlie M. Hiura, Yoshikazu Kawaguchi  
Albuquerque—Charlie S. Matsubara  
Berkeley—Tosh Nakano  
Downtown L.A.—Dr. Isami Sekiyama, Kiyu Yamato

## FIRST YEAR

Chicago—Grace S. Kohatsu, Tachio Go-ya  
Southwest L.A.—Ryohai Iwamoto  
West L.A.—Richard S. Okinaga  
Mt. Plains—Mrs. Eureka S. Shiroma (Eau Gallie, Fla.)

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

## Dentist 1000er

LONG BEACH. — Dr. David Miura, recently appointed 1000 Club chairman of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, is a former Islander and 100th Infantryman. The dentist is the first Nisei to join the local Uptown Optimists.

## Over 100 teenagers liven Berkeley CL prom

BERKELEY. — Over 100 teenagers danced to the music of Cordy Jee's combo at the Berkeley JACL Grdautes prom June 16 at Live Oak Community Bldg.

The chapter presented graduates with corsages and boutonnieres. Richard Yamashiro served as adviser with Frances Suzuki heading the committee for the younger set which included toastmaster Kiyoshi Suto, Eiko Ueno, Barbara Matsui and Stanley Fujikawa.

Chaperones were the Paul Yamamotos, Ben Fukutomes, Mas Yonemuras and George Yonekuras.

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San Francisco

On a balmy day last week, Mas, Yas and this writer joined members of the San Mateo Chapter at their installation meeting. Prexy Saiki Yamaguchi and his cabinet were installed by the national boss, who also gave us a glimpse of the many problems and controversial matters that must be ironed out at the coming confab. Many questions were asked about *Changing Perspectives*, and we cashed in on this opportunity to beat the Convention drums loud and hard.

Despite their own local problems, plus a depleted treasury, the San Mateos lost no time assuring us of their support of "Operation Mercury" and the Souvenir Booklet ads. As for ads, the chapter decided then and there to get fifteen \$10 ads from local merchants, for a total of \$150 or a full page ad, include greetings from the chapter in the layout, and there you are.

This gimmick costs the chapter nothing, yet gives them an ad, and gives the merchants a good spread. Why not try it? It's not too late yet, so keep pitching on those ads.

#### CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Let's take a quick look at the Convention picture and see if we can get the "perspectives" in better focus.

Although the National and DC officers will gather at the Sheraton-Palace on Aug. 30, the parley will not officially begin until Friday morning, Aug. 31. National Council sessions, National Planning Forum, national committees meetings, and a special meeting for Issei members will fill out the opening day. The evening will find you in the Sheraton's Cafe Room, where *Changing Perspectives* will be officially convened by national prexy George Inagaki. A Hollywood personality, known for interest and contributions in the field of human relations, will present the keynote address. The Choir will be another highlight.

#### HAHAI LA KAUA—OR 'FOLLOW US'

As you leave the opening ceremonies, charming hostesses will direct you to the Gold Room, where mixer chairman Vi Nakano has lined up all the necessary ingredients for a night of fun. "Hahai La Kuaa", or "Follow Us" is the theme, and Vi emphasizes, "Nobody is too old or too young for our Mixer—Issei, Nisei, Sansei—Hahai La Kuaa, and help us get *Changing Perspectives* off on the right foot."

#### FOREI

If you're packing your golf clubs, you'll be heading for the Sonoma Country Club, where the Convention 36-hole medal tourney will tee off on Saturday. You'll pick up where you left off with the second 18 holes at the Hillview Course near San Jose on Sunday. Protect your interest in one of those trophies by mailing us your entries by July 31.

#### AHOY, FISHERMEN

If you bring those fish poles along, and an alarm clock to get you out of the sack by 6 a.m., you can spend Saturday in the gentle waters of the Pacific, chasing some elusive salmon. If you can nail the biggest, you've got yourself another trophy.

#### BUSY SATURDAY

Saturday is loaded with activities and you won't want to miss the Official Luncheon at the Gold Room, which will be immediately followed by a colossal fashion show cooked up by the San Francisco Women's Auxiliary. Any of the fair sex interested in Women's Auxiliary activities, either as an already active members themselves wanting to start such a movement in their chapters or just to get acquainted, will find the "get-together" scheduled for the English Room made to order.

#### YOUTH MOVEMENT

You've heard talk about a program for the younger echelon in our JACL family at *Changing Perspectives*. With enthusiasm and interest, a planning committee of youngsters has set up a seminar and forum for Saturday afternoon. The same committee is assuming full responsibility for a dance in the evening at the beautiful Surf Club, where youth and their "elders" will join for fun and fellowship.

#### 1000 CLUB WHING-DING

Saturday evening will usher in the traditional rip-roaring, slam-bang affair masterminded by the Order of the Tie and Garter. If you're a 1000 Clubber you're surely not going to miss this one. The locale will be the picturesque and lovely setting of the Surf Club. A dance will follow (see above) and those Thousanders that want to stick around will be assured of a lot of fun.

#### OUTING & 'OPERATION MERCURY'

If you and your family come out to the Blackberry Farm, near Los Altos on Sunday, you'll find swimming, games for young and old, steaks for dinner, entertainment, and dancing under the stars. Oh yes, bring your rabbit foot with you, cuz the Operation Mercury number will be drawn then.

#### FINALE

The Banquet and Sayonara Ball on Monday (Labor Day) will ring down the curtain on another memorable JACL Biennial. The Gold and Rose rooms, respectively, will be settings for these events. There will be entertainment at the Ball, and dancers will be serenaded by the 12 piece orchestra of Dick Foy.

If desire and hard work is the formula for success, then the National Convention Board and its committees will roll out the red carpet for all of you, come Aug. 31.

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## Blood bank plan supported by CL

TURLOCK. — George Saburo Okamura has been elected to serve as commander of Ballico American Legion Post 668.

Okamura and past commander Joe Nishihara were among those elected to attend the state Legion convention at Fresno last week.

Both men are active members of Cortez JACL.

The Cortez chapter is co-sponsor with the Legion post of the newly formed Boy Scout Troop, with Ernest Yoshida serving as the chapter's institutional representative.

The Cortez JACL is also planning to join with the Legion in a blood bank pool from which any member can draw blood if needed. It has been suggested that all members be blood-typed to make better use of this facility.

The Cortez JACL has also been notified by "The Friends of the World, Inc." that it will receive 100 cherry seeds and 50 ginkgo seeds from them soon.

The chapter plans to raise the seeds and to plant the trees at various places in the community as living memorials to the Issei.

## Cortez JACL honors graduates at outing

TURLOCK. — Approximately 185 persons attended the annual Graduation Outing sponsored by the Cortez JACL June 23 at Lake Yosemite near Merced.

Swimming, boating and other water activities were enjoyed by the group. A barbeque supper was prepared for the guests with Mrs. Ruth Yoshida in charge.

Graduates honored at the outing were Gig Kajioka, San Jose State; Sue Sugiura, Etsu Nakamura and Lynn Yuge, Livingston High; Carol Noda, Turlock Grammar School; Eric Noda and Donald Yoshino, Denair; Grace Yotsuya and Arthur Yotsuya, Vincent; Sharon Ishihara, John Ishihara, Taye Kajiwarra and Robin Yuge, Ballico.

## ENGLISH CLASSES FOR FOREIGN-SPEAKING SET

William Ujifusa will teach Advanced English for foreign-speaking students at Dorsey Adult School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7:30-9 from July 9.

## CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT PRE-CONVENTION RALLY SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 4 AT FRESNO

FRESNO. — A pre-convention rally for the coming National JACL convention in San Francisco will be held in conjunction with the next Central California JACL District Council quarterly dinner meeting on Saturday, Aug. 4.

The dinner meeting has been set for the Desert Inn in Fresno with the program starting from 7 p.m., according to Jin Ishikawa, district chairman.

Tom Shirakawa, Dr. Robert Yabuno and Johnson Kebo were named to the preparations committee for the coming rally dinner.

It was also announced that chapter reservation lists are to be sent to Dr. Yabuno at 1429 Kern St., Fresno, by July 28. Dinner will be \$3 per person.

At the special CCDC meeting June 25 at the Buddhist Church here, Kenji Tashiro, 2nd national JACL v.p., reported the Tulare County and Kings County farm bureaus will endorse a "Yes on Prop. 13" in the November ballot, which will eliminate the alien

land law from the statutes. Hiro Mayeda has reported the state Democratic Committee will similarly endorse the proposition.

The CCDC has also started its Chapter of the Year award program with George Suda named as project chairman, assisted by Bob Kanagawa, Sanger; Dr. George Miyake, Fowler; Ralph Kimoto, Parlier; and Jin Ishikawa, Fresno.

George Baba of Selma was named in charge of "Operation Mercury". Dr. James Ikemiya is chairman of the district nominations for national officers. District 1000 Club chairman Tom Nakamura rendered his report and urged that more 1000ers be sought in the chapters.

The Central California Nisei Voters League, which was organized in 1946, has since been disbanded and its funds have been surrendered to the CCDC, it was disclosed. The CCDC will earmark these funds for a political rally for the forthcoming November general election.

## San Francisco Mayor Christopher extends cordial welcome to JACL conventioners

SAN FRANCISCO. — This city is preparing to go all out to guarantee a cordial reception to participants of the JACL national convention Aug. 31-Sept. 3 with ample opportunities for delegates to get acquainted with each other, convention chairman Jerry Enomoto declared for the National Convention Board.

Representing the official welcome of the City of San Francisco, Mayor George Christopher wrote JACL National President George Inagaki:

"We are honored that you have chosen San Francisco as the site for your important meeting for which so much good is bound to result, not only for American citizens of Japanese descent, but for all the people of our great nation."

"San Francisco is a cosmopolitan city: our people come from many lands. Our Japanese and Japanese American residents contribute greatly to the business, social and cultural life of our city. We are proud of the close relationship between our people of different racial origins, and especially for the ties which bind the United States and Japan more closely together each year."

"It is my sincere hope that your 1956 convention will be an enjoyable and successful one. Welcome to San Francisco."

## Change steak bake date

PASADENA. — The Pasadena steak bake, slated for July 15, has been postponed to July 22 at Oak Grove Park from 3 p.m., it was announced this week.

Oak Grove Park is situated north of the Devil's Gate dam with the CLers barbecuing at Section J. Committeemen reminded, "Bring your own eating utensils and an appetite". The chapter is charging \$1.50 per adult and 50c per child.



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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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Navy Wife. The latter has a basic theme somewhat akin to *Teahouse* and concerns the efforts of an American Occupation wife to emancipate the women of a Japanese community. The story, from a book called *Mother, Sir*, by Tats Blain, has possibilities, but the script is trite and Allied Artists has skimmed on production values. Shirley Yamaguchi co-stars with Joan Bennett and Gary Merrill, and Teru Shimada is effective as usual as Mayor Yoshida of Sasebo. Incidentally, Shizue Nakamura who appears as Mitsuko is playing her first film role and got into the movies in the usual storybook fashion. A war bride, she is a waitress at George Furuta's Imperial Gardens restaurant in Los Angeles. Her graciousness so impressed an assistant producer of *Navy Wife* that she was offered a role on the spot.

There are some 30 Nisei and Issei in *Navy Wife*, and we saw some old friends in the film, including Bob Okazaki, who has taken over this column on at least five occasions this year, and Tom Komuro with whom we were working in a New York news bureau on the December Sunday so long ago when war came to America. Tom plays a man named Ohara.

## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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that Immigration Commissioner Swing had directed the Los Angeles office not to proceed with deportation orders against the Hamasakis.

• "It was one of the biggest thrills in my life," Frank told *For-News* editorially felt laws should not harass good people who had read the story in the newspapers. . . . "Folks I wouldn't know from the Man in the Moon called, wanting to know what they could do," Frank continued. . . . And JACL has long had interest in this case. "Mike Masaoka also urged McDonough and Gen. Swing to take a personal interest in the case," Frank added. . . . It should be remembered here that JACL sponsored the stay of deportation bill in 1948, which was passed to assist persons then ineligible to citizenship to remain in this country on grounds of "mental and economic hardship and personal suffering from family separation" if forced to leave the United States. . . . Only when issues which JACL has long fought are dramatized with personalities do they come to life and hit all of us hard.

### ANOTHER MILE-HI MILESTONE

• Probably from the point of continuous service to its membership, the *Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin*, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, is the oldest of chapter newsletters. . . . Their 10th Anniversary issue, under the editorship of Min Yasui, is truly "loaded" with pictures—38 of them crammed in circus fashion over six pages 8½ by 11 inches. . . . Dr. Tak Mayeda, who was 1946 chapter president, inspired the original *Denver JACL Bulletin*. His wife Rosa has devoted 10 years of outstanding service as staff artist. . . . Katie Kawamura, Colorado University journalism graduate, was first editor in 1946. Today, she is with the *Grand Junction Sentinel* as office manager at Montrose, Colo. Then followed True Yasui, another CU grad, and Michi Ando in 1947. . . . Chiye Horiuchi (ex-Seattle) was the first duly elected editor of the *Bulletin* in 1948, and is the sister of Mtn.-Plains District Chairman Bob Horiuchi. . . . Bess Matsuda (Mrs. George Shiyomura) held the post in '49; Michi Ando took over in '50 to assist husband Tosh who was then chapter president; followed by George Masunaga, first male editor, in '51. . . . Haruko Kobayashi edited through 1952; Jennie Kitagawa (ex-Minot, S.D.) in 1953; Ben Ben Miyahara (ex-Sacramento) in 1954. Ben is a pre-med student. . . . Oski Taniwaki, an old time West Coast newsman who is in the garage business today, took over in 1955 and then retired as of May 21 this year. . . . To them all for carrying on a wonderful job—our congratulations.

## NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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husbandry in this area often referred to as the "egg basket" of Northern California.

We took time out to join with other member organizations in the Bay Area Clearing House on Human Relations for a luncheon to honor and hear NAACP National Executive Roy Wilkins and Legal Counsel Thurgood Marshall. We found ourselves sitting next to the NAACP counterpart of our own Tokuzo Gordon, Mr. Kivie Kaplan of Boston who is Chairman of the NAACP life membership committee is a non-Negro.

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## Corlez CL to build swimming pool from bass derby funds

TURLOCK. — Construction of a swimming pool will be undertaken by the Cortez JACL as its first project with funds raised through the annual bass derby.

The project was approved by members at a special meeting of the chapter June 16 called to discuss the disposition of the funds from the annual derbies the chapter sponsors in November.

Since Cortez is surrounded by irrigation canals, it was believed that a supervised pool where children can learn to swim in safety would be most beneficial to the majority of members in the community.

The pool committee, under Hiro Asai, chairman, met last Saturday to formulate plans for the completion and operation of the pool next year.

## Nat'l judo championships at Seattle Aug. 18-19

SEATTLE. — Top amateur judoists from the United States and Hawaii will compete in the Aug. 18-19 national judo championships here, George Wilson, tournament director, stated.

There will be five events—team and four individual classes: 130 lbs. and under, 150 and under, 180 and under, and unlimited.

## U. OF PENN. NAMES NISEI BASEBALL CAPTAIN

PHILADELPHIA. — Mel Seki, former St. Louis prepster at Honolulu, was named co-captain of the 1957 Univ. of Pennsylvania baseball team. Seki, a senior next year, finished with a .246 batting average including three home runs to tie for top honors. Seki was a member of the Hawaii All-Stars team which toured Japan in 1953.

## Murata wins Hawaii publinx in playoffs

HONOLULU. — Lt. Isamu Murata, who scored a 72-71-143 to tie with John De Mello in the Hawaii Public Links championships, won a nine-hole playoff recently but will not compete in the national Publinx tournament in San Francisco.

Stroking a 36 in the playoff to De Mello's 37, Murata plans to stay here to compete in the Inter-Service championships this month. Scheduled to go, however, are De Mello, Naomitsu Kitsuwu (75-69), James Masuyama (71-76) and Ed Nakagaki (74-76) with six others.

## HOLE-IN-ONE

CHICAGO. — Henry Shirakawabe dropped a hole-in-one in a recent Midwest Golf Association tournament at St. Andrew's third. It was the second hole-in-one registered by an MGA member in tournament play as Dr. Bill Hiura did likewise on the 7th at Big Run.

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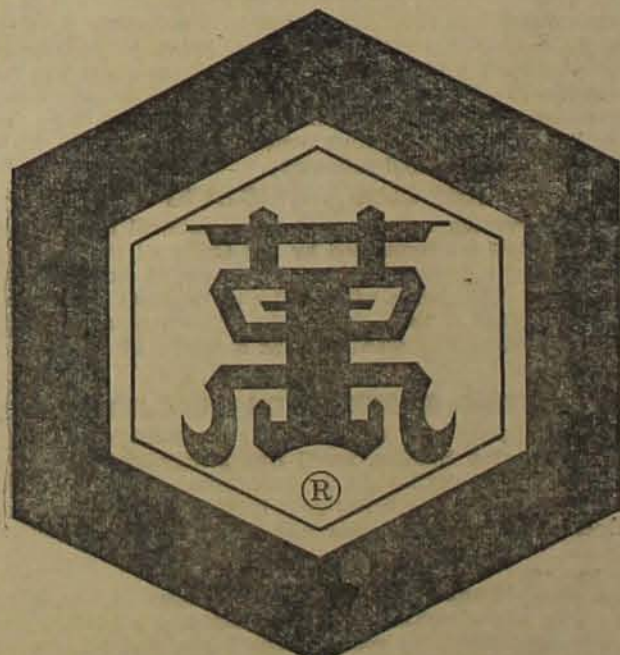
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Hamasaki's plight

Ten days ago, Hiroichi Hamasaki, 54-year-old gardener, was just another Angeleno hard at work providing for his family of wife and three growing children. The couple have two others, married daughters who are out of the family circle. Today, with heavy head in fear of being deported to Japan for telling two "white lies" during a camp hearing in Arizona, Hamasaki finds himself with hundreds of friends, who until Thursday last week, could not even spell his first name.

Hamasaki's plight was that he had entered the United States (for the second time) in 1929 with his new bride, Tsugino, by way of the Mexican border. He was also a member of the Butoku Kai, a now defunct organization listed by the attorney general's office as a totalitarian group at the outbreak of World War II.

What does a man do—especially when he and his family are confined behind barbed wires—and is confronted with the choice of either uttering a false statement or be sent back to Japan?

Hamasaki's immediate stake in 1945 was to stay with the children. The couple's younger ones were still in diapers. It took more courage to lie then but that was fate, bound under duress. Hamasaki, who alone was in this country in 1923, said he and Tsugino had been in America before 1929.

When the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that Hamasaki, because of his incorrect statement, was not of "good moral character" and therefore had to be returned to Japan, attorney Frank Chuman who is their legal counselor, contacted Rep. Gordon McDonough who is congressman in the 15th District, where the Hamasakis reside.

Republican representative McDonough understands the situation of the alien Japanese who for so long have fought for their American rights and finally, under the 1952 McCarran Act, were able to gain citizenship through naturalization. He assured attorney Chuman that his personal conversation with commissioner of immigration Joseph W. Swing this week has already assured the Hamasakis of at least a temporary "stay" until further investigation is held. Swing, in basing his stand, requested the I&N Service immediately for their file for further study in the case.

NEWSPAPER SYMPATHIZE

Commented the Mirror News, rather sympathetically: "Hamasaki and his bride Tsugino walked across the Mexican border in 1929, a fairly common practice in those days.

"Hamasaki worked hard to raise his family through the depression. His five children are A students and a credit to the community.

"Enforcement of the letter of the law often results in serious and inhuman justices, such as the separation of parents from minor children.

"Technicalities of the law to deport good people, who have lived among us for 30 years or more, seems to be warping the intent of the law.

"Unwarranted cruelty is not the purpose of any law."

Legal machinery in the government often grinds slowly and meticulously. The agony in which the Hamasakis were put through since 1945 for their missteps with justice must have been paid.

When the JACL-sponsored stay of deportation bill became law in 1948, the Hamasakis, seeking relief from mental torture, openly confessed to their frightened statements. However, their act only hastened Federal officials to order their deportation.

Hamasaki, with no badness in his heart, is full of remorse for his past sins, as he aptly confesses to his friends. Yet, all those who know him as a humble and upright citizen and who are behind him have nothing but sympathy and words of encouragement for him.

"Now place yourself in Hiroichi's desperate predicament, and what would you have done? If you knew you were going to be torn away from wife and family, what would you have said when questioned by the immigration authorities.

"If your happiness and your family's happiness was at stake and you knew there was naught but goodness in your heart, and you could save everything by telling two harmless trivial lies—you know!" wrote Vincent X. Flaherty, in Monday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Unless the voices of tolerance and forgiveness go unheard we would say that the Hamasakis will finally be able to shed their cloak of fear and raise their heads again in triumph. For Hamasaki has proven that his duty as a good citizen comes in the full protection of his family under any adverse conditions.

And in time of war there has been, no doubt, other "Hamasakis" whose fear of separation has prompted the head of the family to resort to conduct not practiced under normal circumstances.

Hiroichi Hamasaki deserves the ultimate decision which will keep all of them together.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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question that it is substantially more liberal and generous existing law.

The fact that the automatic 25% deduction of the amount of compensable items for the smaller claims that were compromised and settled under the 1951 amendment has been eliminated means that the remaining claimants, with their substantially larger claims, will receive millions of dollars more in awards cannot be overlooked.

Neither can the fact that every dissatisfied claimant now has a right of appeal to the courts, through the Court of Claims, to test not only the validity of certain items deemed noncompensable by the Attorney General but also the method of computing the amount of the loss cannot be overemphasized. The basic 1948 statute allows no such review and the Attorney General's findings are final and conclusive both as to items and as to amount of loss.

Finally, the legislative situation in this Congress is such that no more generous bill could have passed prior to adjournment.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
 ABE, Hirono D. (Alice Okamoto)—boy  
 Larry D., May 16, Gardena.  
 EMERSON, Frederick A. (Fumiko Koide)—girl Donna E., May 23.  
 ENG, Clifford (Reiko R. Ogata)—girl Alene R., Apr. 12.  
 FUJIMOTO, Yoshito T. (Masuko M. Fujimoto)—girl Nadine Niki, May 18.  
 FUKAMAKI, Dale M. (Betty J. Wong)—boy Darrel, Apr. 22.  
 HANZAWA, Albert A. (Mildred M. Hayase)—girl JoAnne K., May 15.  
 HASHIMOTO, Toshio (Amy E. Kusumoto)—boy Paul B., May 20.  
 HATADA, Harry H. (Setsuyo Kariya)—boy Albert Tadao, May 5.  
 HIURA, Noburo (Kinue Yoshimoto)—boy Clyde L., May 6.  
 IKUTA, Shigemasa J. (Mariko Tatami)—girl Doreen M., May 24.  
 IWASHINA, Moriaki M. (Kazumi Nakashima)—boy Cedric Yoshiaki, May 1, North Hollywood.  
 KANASE, Takeo (June K. Tanaka)—girl Lynda Yumi, May 22.  
 KATO, Roy Y. (Takako Shimori)—boy Dan R., May 25.  
 KURISU, George I. (Mitsuko Shimomoto)—boy Glenn Masaru, May 17.  
 MATSUDA, Takashi (Jayne Y. Lim)—girl Annette J., May 23.  
 MATSUOKA, Ted T. (Frances K. Matsuko)—boy Dale Toshio, May 18.  
 NAGAMINE, Ben H. (Hisako Yamana)—girl Gergronne Toyoko, May 12.  
 NOMOTO, Morio (Michiko Ohara)—girl Mandy Chizuko, May 10.  
 RUBIO, Frank S. (Joan M. Sunahara)—girl Jolene E., May 7.  
 SARUWATARI, Henry (Ruby Miyashiro)—girl Ann, Apr. 3.  
 SATO, George M. (Kuniko Okumura)—girl Georgina Masaye, June 4.  
 SAWA, Tom S. (Hatsuko Yamashita)—boy Peter L., May 14.

VISALIA

HIRABAYASHI, Tsugio—boy, June 20, Lindsay.  
**FRESNO**  
 KOKKA, Tom—boy, June 8, Selma.  
 NAMBA, Isamu—boy, June 12.  
 TANIGUCHI, Tetsuo—girl, June 14.  
 UCHIYAMA, Frank—boy, June 12.

WATSONVILLE

HIRAGA, Minoru (Yoshiko Kikuchi)—boy, June 6.

SAN JOSE

KOBARA, Roderick—boy Mitchell L., June 18.  
 NARIMATSU, Masato—girl Maxine, June 18.  
 TOYOSHIMA, Akiyoshi—boy Randy Akiyo, June 20.

STOCKTON

OKUMOTO, Takeo—boy, June 8.

SAN FRANCISCO

NAKAHARA, Maxie T.—girl, June 18.  
 OMI, Henry—twin girls, June 22.  
 TAKAKURA, Canan—boy, June 20.  
 UYEDA, Don K.—girl, May 23.

OAKLAND

AIKAWA, Jack T.—girl, June 13.  
 IKEDA, George—boy, June 13, Berkeley.  
 ITOW, Donald S.—boy, June 15, Berkeley.  
 NISHIKAWA, Kiyoshi—boy, June 23, Berkeley.

SACRAMENTO

ITO, Ted T.—girl, June 1.  
 IWATA, Joe—girl, May 27.  
 KURAHARA, LaVerne M.—boy, May 31.  
 NAMBA, Sam I.—boy, June 12.  
 UYENO, Koichi—girl, June 2.

MARYSVILLE

NAKAGAWA, James—boy, June 26.

AUBURN

HADA, Yoshiaki—girl, June 19.

SEATTLE

EGASHIRA, David—boy, May 19.  
 FUKUMA, Kay—girl, June 23.  
 IKUTA, Kanshu—girl, June 8.  
 KITAJO, Ben—boy, June 17.  
 MATSUDAIRA, John—boy, May 18.  
 MORISHITA, Isamu—girl, May 31.  
 NAGASAWA, Ichiro—boy, May 26.  
 NAKAMURA, Jim—girl Nori Lorraine, May 20.  
 NAKAMURA, Mas—girl Vivian Lee, OGASAWARA, Toru B.—boy, June 18.  
 ONO, Joe—boy, May 26.  
 SHIBATA, Teruo—girl, June 27.  
 SHIBAYAMA, George—boy, June 18.  
 TANAGI, Roy—girl, June 4.  
 TSUCHIDA, Tak—girl, May 15.  
 UCHIMURA, Minoru—boy, June 8.  
 UNO, Hiromu—girl, May 28.  
 WATANABE, Samuel—girl, June 16, Kent.  
 YABUKI, Kujo—girl, May 21, Bellevue.  
 YAMADA, Kenjiro—girl, June 11.  
 YAMAMOTO, Jun—girl, June 17, June 4.

ONTARIO, ORE.

NAGAKI, Mas—girl, June 26.

SALT LAKE CITY

ARAMAKI, Masa—girl, June 18.  
 ENDO, Mitsuo—boy, June 27.  
 IWAMOTO, Nobuo—boy, June 28.  
 SHINO, Tom—boy, June 24.

DENVER

KURACHI, Harry C.—girl, Henderson.

Weddings

AKIYAMA-OKANISHI — June 17, Yoshio and Natsuko, Los Angeles.  
 HASHIMOTO-TAKARAI — June 17, Akira and Margaret, Los Angeles.  
 IIDA-KANEMOTO — June 10, Ben and Midori, Los Angeles.  
 ISHIMINE-SUZUKI — June 17, Thomas and Caroline, Los Angeles.  
 KATO-MIYASHITA — June 24, Paul S., Jr., and Yoriko, both Los Angeles.  
 KAWAMOTO-SUEHIRO — June 2, Mutsuo, Gardena; Aiko, Los Angeles.  
 MATSUMIYA-HORI — June 17, Dean and Mary, Los Angeles.  
 MATSUMOTO-YAMATO — June 17, Pete and Jean, Los Angeles.  
 NAKAHARA-SATO — June 24, Masato and Harumi, both Los Angeles.  
 NAKASHIMA-OKAMOTO — June 17, Donald and Ellen, Los Angeles.  
 NAKATA-ONISHI — June 17, Edward M., San Francisco; Evelyn Y., Los Angeles.

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Deaths

**ANGELES**  
 OHARA-SUMI — June 9, Telji, Long Beach; Yoshiko, Compton.  
 SUGIOKA-MIZUKI — June 10, Shioichi, Los Angeles; Asaka, San Fernando.  
 SUNADA-HOSONUMA — June 3, Raymond and Setsuko, Los Angeles.  
 TAMAYOSE-HADANO — June 5, Wallace A. and Amy N., Los Angeles.  
 TANAKA-KOBAYASHI — June 3, Jack M. and Kiyoko, both Los Angeles.  
 TAWA-ISHIBASHI — June 17, Dr. Ken and Joyce, Los Angeles.  
 TOMITA-OTOSHI — June 23, Makio Isaac, San Fernando; Mitsuyo Cynthia, North Hollywood.  
 UCHIZONO-YAMAMOTO — June 17, Jiro, Los Angeles; Toy Toahiko, Pasadena.  
 WAKAMATSU-TANIGUCHI — June 24, Harold T. and Helen K., both Los Angeles.  
 WATARI-YOSHIDA — June 17, Joseph M., Gardena; Sumiye, Los Angeles.  
 YAMADA-HASHIMOTO — June 24, Shigeru, Anaheim; Alice Sumiko, Los Angeles.  
 YAMASHITA-SHIDA — June 24, Tetsuo and Margaret Yukiko, both Los Angeles.  
 YOSHIKAWA-FUSHIMA — June 10, Tom T. and Betty S., both Denver.

**ENDO**, Gentaro: Lomita, May 14 (lost at sea off Mexico), survived by wife Hana, daughters Shirley K., Joyce Aiko, brothers Sakutaro and Tamotsu.  
**FUKUMOTO**, Jeannet A., 12: Burbank, June 19, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Mitsune, brothers Manabu Mitsuru, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Yoichi Oki.  
**FURUKOCHI**, Iseko: El Paso, May 16, survived by husband Dr. Sadaichi.  
**HOSOKAWA**, Tako L., 38: Los Angeles, June 26, survived by wife Hideko, son Gilbert T., daughter Mildred H.  
**ICHINO**, Diane, 6 mos.: Los Angeles, June 19, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Philip, brother Michael.  
**INABA**, Kyoko, 41: Fresno, June 11, survived by husband Akira and five children.  
**KATO**, Teruno, 60: Los Angeles, June 13, survived by husband Jack M., three sons Chikara, Akira Ed, Taifra, six daughters Haruko Florence, Hiroko Lillian, Mmes. Maruko M. Kadomatsu, Katsuko Odanaka, Kumiko Hirokawa, Seiko R. Zoriki.  
**KINOSHITA**, Ted, 6: Graham, Ore., June 8, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio, sister Nellie.  
**KUWAWA**, Seigor, 78: Philadelphia, May 23, survived by brother Senzo (New York).  
**MATSUDA**, Denichiro, 72: Portland, June 5, survived by wife Toki, three sons, daughter.  
**MITSUMI**, Miesji, 58: Salt Lake City, Apr. 15, survived by husband Kenko, son Tsutomu.  
**MITSUMUNE**, Haruno, 71: Selma, June 3 survived by husband Gosaku, daughter Mmes. Kiyomi Okazaki, Masako Mitsumune (Japan).  
**MIYAMOTO**, Sanzo, 76: Winnemucca, Nev., June 9 (fun.) survived by wife Misa, daughter.  
**MORI**, Fujiro, 77: Escondido, June 8, survived by wife Toma.  
**NAKAGAWA**, Shintaro, 72: Los Angeles, June 4.  
**NAKATA**, Yasaji, 76: Pasadena, June 11, survived by wife Kino, sons Kiyoshi, Noboru, daughters Mmes. Yuriko Ono Ayako Akagi.  
**SAE**, Yoshiyuki, 55: Los Angeles, June 5, survived by wife Ichi, four sons Kazuo, Thomas Mitsuo, Hugo, Richard, brothers Gilchi, Toshisuke, sisters Mmes. Koto Hanami, Seiko Hanami.  
**SHIMAZU**, Robin C., 23 mos.: Yuba City, May 25, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Masaru, brother Jeffrey, sist April G.

Shonien Fund drive hits \$11,000 mark

The current Shonien Fund drive launched last March stands at \$11,000, it was announced at the May meeting of the Shonien board of trustees.

Most of the contributions, it was explained, have been mail solicitation responses representing contributions from about 1,000 individuals, families and organizations. The present goal of \$50,000 is needed to establish the child care center until Community Chest support becomes possible.

Among 25 community organizations which have contributed over \$3,400 to the current Shonien fund drive since completion of the new building were announced by Mike Suzuki, director, last week to include Hollywood JACL, \$104, and Tri-Villes, \$100.

Gilroy JACL outing for graduates draws 100

GILROY. — Over 100 persons turned out for the Gilroy JACL outing to honor local graduates June 24 at Gilroy Hot Springs.

Kikuko Okawa, general chairman, in a note expressing her thanks to all who helped in the event, said the outing was a huge success.

New York directory

NEW YORK. — Work on the 1956-57 edition of the New York Japanese American Business and Social directory has started with a late August date publication announced by its publishers, Hokubei Shimpou, 524 W. 25th St., New York 1.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## Evacuation claims

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At the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention held in Los Angeles two years ago this Labor Day weekend, the delegates voted to designate legislation to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims as JACL's number one legislative objective for the 1955-56 biennium.

It is interesting in this connection to recall that during the National Convention sessions the House Judiciary Committee on Claims conducted public hearing in Los Angeles at which time many JACL witnesses appeared to testify for a JACL sponsored bill introduced in the 83rd Congress earlier that summer by Representative Patrick J. Hillings, Arcadia, California Republican who then was and still is the only westerner on the House Judiciary Committee.

A few weeks later, a Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAEC) was organized by many of the remaining claimants in order to cooperate with the JACL in its effort to secure expediting legislation.

As this is written, Congress has just cleared a successor bill to the original Hillings Bill for the President's signature, which is expected momentarily. Thus, the principal legislative aim of the last National JACL Convention has virtually been achieved, since a presidential veto is not anticipated.

### Original Hillings bill . . .

Introduced in the 83rd Congress at JACL request, the original Hillings Bill provided three alternatives to the claimants for the final determination of their claims: (1) compromise settlement within certain limitations by the Attorney General, (2) Court of Claims (judicial) determination, and (3) formal adjudication, as authorized in the basic statute of 1948.

The limitations imposed on the compromise settlement procedure were (a) that the Attorney General could not make an award in excess of three-quarters (75%) of the amount, if any, of the compensable items, and (b) that, if the Attorney General offered more than one-half (50%) of the amount of the total of the original claim, the claimant had to accept the Government's offer.

The bill also provided that claims postmarked before the January 3, 1950, deadline but received after that date would be considered as timely filed and that the Administrative Procedure Act would not apply to this statute.

### Subcommittee report . . .

Following its California hearings in 1954, the Subcommittee issued a Report in which it made 15 recommendations.

With a single exception, that relating to the continuance of the 75% limitation on the amount of compensable items which the Attorney General could offer in compromise settlement of any claim, the Subcommittee's recommendations were drafted into a bill which was again introduced by Representative Hillings at JACL request early in the 84th Congress.

Last June (1955), the Department of Justice informed the Judiciary Committee that while it endorsed the compromise settlement procedure it found other features of the bill controversial and some objectionable.

Prior to adjournment of the First Session, Representative Hillings introduced another bill, incorporating as much as possible the recommendations of the Justice Department.

This latter bill was again redrafted and introduced by Representative Thomas J. Lane, Massachusetts Democrat who was chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, also at JACL's request.

Last summer, public hearings were held in San Francisco and Los Angeles on this Lane-Hillings Bill.

### Congressional history . . .

Early this session, the Judiciary Subcommittee reported the Lane-Hillings Bill favorably, but with amendments eliminating those sections which would have required the Attorney General to be more generous and liberal in his valuations of conservation and management expenses, crop losses, and fair rental values, and which would have extended lump sum payments to every evacuee in lieu of pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses.

The House passed this amended bill on March 5.

The Senate Judiciary Committee added another amendment—to restrict the compromise settlement authority of the Attorney General to \$100,000—and favorably reported the amended bill to the Senate on May 31.

The House concurred with the Senate amendment and thereby cleared the bill for the White House on June 20.

### Benefits over existing law . . .

The congressionally approved Lane-Hillings Bill includes the following advantages over the existing law:

1. More expeditious procedure, by authorizing the Attorney General to compromise and settle claims up to \$100,000, which may mean the completion of this program within the next two or three years instead of the estimated 25 under the formal adjudication program.
2. No penalty (such as the 25% penalty of the total of compensable items for the smaller claims and as provided in the original [1954] Hillings Bill) for compromising and settling claims.
3. Appeal beyond the Attorney General to the Court of Claims for claimants not satisfied with the compromise offer. Under existing practices, the Attorney General's determinations are final and conclusive. Claims over \$100,000 are also eligible for judicial determination by the Court of Claims under the Lane-Hillings Bill.
4. Postmarked timely claims to be considered as timely filed.
5. West coast internees qualified as eligible claimants.
6. Nonprofit and profit corporations and organizations declared to be eligible claimants.

### Summary . . .

While perhaps the Lane-Hillings Bill does not give the remaining claimants all that they want, or what the original Lane-Hillings Bill did before it was amended, there is no

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## Eisenhower sends congratulations to biennial convention

SAN FRANCISCO. — President Dwight D. Eisenhower was wired greetings for the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held here Aug. 31-Sept. 3, it was disclosed by Thelma Takeda, convention souvenir program booklet editor.

The President's message will be included in the book for permanent convention record.

The full message as wired to JACL National President George Inagaki reads:

"Please extend my greetings to the delegates to the Fourteenth Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, and through them to the members of the League's eighty eight chapters throughout the United States.

"I congratulate the Japanese American Citizens League on its support of good citizenship, liberty and patriotism. As you who are League members strive to uphold your organization's motto, 'For Better Americans in a Greater America,' I am confident you will continue to bring credit to your organization and benefit to the United States.

"My best wishes to all of you for a successful convention."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

## Deportation—

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The appellate court found no "abuse of discretion" by the Attorney General in refusing to suspend the deportation order.

Hamasaki's membership in the Japanese Fencing Assn., (Butoku Kai), listed by the Attorney General as totalitarian, also figured in the case. David Carliner, one of the couple's lawyers, said the fencing organization went out of business with Pearl Harbor.

Attorney Frank Chuman, one of the counsels in the case, said four legal avenues are still open to them. There is a possibility of further appeal to the Supreme Court on a writ of certiorari, an application with the Immigration service for reconsideration on the basis of Hamasaki's "good character" the past five years in view of his alleged perjury which took place more than five years ago.

The third approach is petitioning for executive clemency from the President, the fourth a full hearing before the Attorney General as to the basis of why the Butoku Kai was listed as totalitarian organization under Executive Order 10450.

Other attorneys for Hamasaki are Edward J. Ennis and Jack Wasserman of Washington, D.C.

## Santa Ana scout delegate to Japan

SANTA ANA. — This summer, the Boy Scouts of America will embark on a program "to further international understanding and world brotherhood through actual contacts with people in the Orient."

Selected for this goodwill tour as representative of Region XII, which encompasses the southwestern United States and Hawaii, was Bill Marumoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yuichiro Harry Marumoto of Santa Ana.

(Marumoto, Whittier College student body president, is also one of the leaders of the Orange County Jr. JACL group, the JAYs.)

Marumoto, an Eagle Scout, is believed to be the only Japanese American Boy Scout chosen from the United States and will serve as an assistant leader for this contingent of some 50 scouts.

As part of the schedule of this goodwill trip, the representatives will attend the Japanese Boy Scouts National Jamboree to be held at Karuizawa in Nagano prefecture.

### Denver picnic set

DENVER.—The Mile-Hi JACL will join local groups sponsoring the Japanese community picnic July 12 at Newton Park.

## FIRST NISEI NOMINATED TO SUPREME COURT OF HAWAII BY EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower last week nominated Masaji Marumoto, Honolulu attorney, to be an associate justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court to succeed Philip L. Rice, who has been named chief justice of the court.

He is the first American of Japanese ancestry to be named to the Territorial Supreme Court.

His appointment, subject to confirmation by the Senate, completes the shift in make-up of the court from all-Democratic to all-Republican. Appointments of Rice and Circuit Judge Harry Hewitt are also pending in the Senate.

Marumoto, 50, born in Honolulu on Jan. 27, 1906, lived for many of his younger years in Kona, Hawaii, where his father, the late Tamajiro Marumoto, was in business.

He was graduated with honors from McKinley high school in 1924, the University of Chicago in 1927, and Harvard Law School in 1930.

In 1931 he joined the law office of the late Frank E. Thompson and the following year opened his own law office.

Marumoto is a World War Two veteran, having volunteered for the Army interpreter service in June, 1943. He spent 2 years in the Army, including eight months of service as a legal officer with the American Military Government in Okinawa and Korea. At the time of his honorable discharge in March, 1946, he held the rank of first lieutenant.

He is a past president of the Hawaiian Japanese Civic Association and the Kuakini Hospital and Home.

In 1954 Marumoto served as president of the Bar Association of Hawaii, the first lawyer of Japanese ancestry to hold that position. He has also served as a member of the territorial bar examining committee.

Last year he was chairman of the Territorial Compilation Commission of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, and is currently a member of the Territorial Commission of Uniformity of Legislation and secretary of the procedural rules committee of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

## Immigration regulations changed to aid temporary visitor gain permanent status

Recent regulatory changes by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of benefit to alien Japanese will eliminate expensive return to Japan or to some other foreign country for processing of their visas, it was made known last week by Attorney Frank Chuman.

Japanese aliens presently in the United States who entered before Jan. 1, 1956, as visitors, students or for any other temporary reason or an alien now married to a U.S. citizen may apply for quota or non-quota immigration visa for permanent residence through the American consul in Canada, it was pointed out.

Under this regulation announced last week, the local immigration office will pre-examine the alien as to his admissibility into the United States after he is advised by the U.S. consul in Canada that his visa application is ready for processing in Canada.

If the I&NS office finds the alien may be admitted, the alien is furnished a certificate of his admissibility and is permitted to re-

enter the United States immediately after his visa is issued him in Canada.

Aliens who are citizens of Canada or Mexico are not eligible for this procedure. However, aliens now under deportation proceedings are eligible if they otherwise are eligible to re-enter with a quota or non-quota immigrant visa.

Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, is a member of the Los Angeles chapter board of directors of the National Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers.

### Hiroshima governor visits Washington JACL Office

WASHINGTON. — Gov. Hiroo Ohara of Hiroshima was a recent visitor here while on a tour of the United States and South America.

He conferred with Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka and discussed problems relating to the Refugee Relief Act, which expires in late December, 1956, and the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act.

(This past weekend, he was to meet with Gov. Goodwin Knight at Sacramento and later honored at San Francisco Hiroshima residents.)

### Two Nisei nominations up for Senate approval

WASHINGTON. — Nominations from the White House to the Senate for confirmation included:

Dr. Hiroshi Yamauchi, 1st Lt., USAF Medical Corps;

Ronald H. Kato, 2nd Lt., USAF (subject to medical qualification and designation as distinguished military student in the Air Force ROTC.

## CALENDAR

- July 7 (Saturday)  
Livingston-Merced — Lake Yosemite outing, Scott Island.  
Chicago—1000 Club Funzappoppin dinner-dance, North Park Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
- July 8 (Sunday)  
East L.A.—Fishing derby.  
Hollywood—Beach party, Playa del Rey Area 2, 11 a.m.
- July 14 (Saturday)  
Stockton—Coronation dinner-dance, Empire Room, Clark Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
- July 15 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Community picnic, Middle Rouge Park.  
Seattle—Community picnic.  
Twin Cities—Fishing derby, Forest Lake.
- Eden Township—Community picnic, Roberts Rec. Area 1, Oakland, 11 a.m.
- July 21 (Saturday)  
Salinas—Rodeo dance, Knights of Pythias Hall, 1175 S. Main St., 10 p.m.
- July 22 (Sunday)  
Pasadena—Steak Bake, Oak Grove Park, 3 p.m.
- NC-WNDC—Pre-convention rally, Sequoia CL hosts, Rickey's Studio Club.
- Venice-Culver—Graduates' beach party (tent).
- Downtown L.A.—Benefit concert, Koyasan Hall, Shige Yano, soprano.
- July 29 (Sunday)  
PSWDC—Pre-convention Rally, Southwest L.A. hosts; Hollywood Riviera Club, Redondo Beach, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 3 (Friday)  
San Francisco—Pre-Confab Round-up, Gyosei Hall, 8 p.m.

### Nisei first delegates to Calif. Boys State

HONOLULU. — Two Oahu high school juniors returned by Pan American Airways after attending the California Boys State program at Sacramento last week.

Michael Sugawara of Waipahu High and Franklin Odo of Kaimuki High were chosen from 14 contestants. It was the first year Hawaii has participated in the American Legion-sponsored project.

### NISEI VOTED INTO PHARMACOLOGY SOCIETY

CHICAGO. — Dr. George Okita, assistant professor of pharmacology at the Univ. of Chicago Medical School, has been voted into the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at the annual convention of the Federation of American Society for Experimental Biology held in Atlantic City in April.